## RESERVES WILL DECIDE BATTLE FOR PRESIDENCY

G. O. P. Candidates Must Have Secondary Strength or Dark Horse Will Win.

WOOD'S FORCE IS SPENT

Experienced Politicians Expect to See Drift From Him After Early Balloting.

Brecht to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. Washington, May 21. - With (the Republican National Convention only a little more than two weeks off and all except fifty-seven of the 984 delegates already chosen it has become apparent to political observers here that it is the secondary strength of the leading candidates which must be considered in figuring upon the nominee for President. Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, Senator Hiram Johnson (Cal.) and Gov. Frank Lowden (III.) will lead all others on the first ballot, but each will fall far short of the necessary 495 votes.

One of these three ultimately will be nominated as a result of the secondary strength he will develop after the first few ballots, or a deadlock will result that will end in a compromise upon a "dark horse" or a near "dark horse," among whom may be mentioned Senator Knox (Pa.), Gov. Allen (Kan.), Gov. Sproul (Pa.), Charles E. Hughes N. V.) Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler (N. Y.). Gov. Coolldge (Mass.) and Senator Harding (Ohio). Herbert Hoover also may be considered as a "dark horse" possibility, but most of the old time political authorities in Washington have considered him elimthe severe trouncing he inated athe hands of Senator Johnson in the primaries of his own home State of California. Major-Gen. Wood and Senator John-

een will enter the convention with the brigest number of instructed delegates and dov. Lowden will be third. Some computations give Senator Johnson and some give Gen. Wood the larger number of instructed delegates, but the differ-ences are immaterial. Each will have between 100 and 150.

#### Drift in Case of Break Up.

The important consideration is that apparently Gen. Wood will lose while Senator Johnson and Goy, Lowden will gain when the instructed delegations beto break up and the scattering unin structed delegates begin to collect into

Many well posted political authorities believe Gen. Wood has manœuvred him-self into a position which makes his fination practically impossible. This is because his campaign, largely conducted by amateurs, has created oppoimpossible to obtain harmony when the time comes to do so.

den. Wood's friends are claiming that in addition to his instructed strength he will be able to muster a total of 300 votes on the first ballot. Making allowances for the extravagant claims which Wood managers have been putting h, it is easy to see that even shou the General's strength on the first bal-lots approach the number claimed he has little or no secondary strength and little hope of obtaining it. The interesting value in the Wood strength is a consideration of what will happen to those votes he can control and what disposition he will make of them when the

(sov. Lowden's campaign has been wisely conducted. Neither the Illinois Governor nor his friends have permitted the saying of an unkind thing concerning any other candidate, and this rule provailed even in Illinois, where Gen. Wood forced the Illinois Governor to make the light of his life. The Lowden for es have maintained a liaison with the Harding forces in Ohio, and have on friendly terms with the Johnson campaign wherever it has been waged.

#### Secondary Strength Indicated. t is the poll of secondary strength

that registers the actual position of cardidates at this time, and the Lowden followers bank on support, either on the first or second ballot, from Illinois, 58 totes; Iowa, 26; Kentucky, 26; Minne-sota, 24; Oklahoma, 20; Kansas, 8; Connecticut, 12; Arkansas, 8; South Carolina, 11; Virginia, 13; Texas, 13—a total of 212 votes. The Lowden people state that seventy more are in sight as soon as they need them. Senator Johnson will go into the con

vention with a strong following, al-though it is difficult to see more than 160 votes for him at the outset, allowing him the best possible showing he can make. He may not get these on the first ballot. So far as the organization of the party is concerned there will be no attempt to prevent Senator Johnson from making the best showing possible. The Californian together possible. The Californian, together with Gov. Lowden, will get a trial.

Senator Johnson can demonstrate his ability to increase his strength when the break comes on the convention floor, the opposition displayed at the present time is disposed to accept him in spite of his supposed radical tendencies which said to be objectionable in the East This is because the leaders realize that, while Senator Johnson is progressive, he is not a wild man in politics, and the strength which he has with the voting elements of the country has been demon-

Senator Johnson will be on the floor of the convention as an alternate and will direct his own candidacy from that loint of vantage. He may address the convention in the hope of stampeding it. slithough there is little likelihood that the Chicago gathering can be stampeded for any one. The Lowden forces will join hands with the Eastern Republicans in giving Senator Johnson a full and complete opportunity to develop his strength. If he falls, as they expect. they will then put forward the Illinois Governor as the compromise candidate upon whom all elements can unite and

m this position of vantage they hope The candidacy of Senator Knox, pre-



What are "The Credentials of Christianity?" Important Announcement follows May 23rd

cipitated by the dectaration recently KENYON WILL DELVE made by Senator Penrose, appears to INTO 'SLUSH FUNDS' have been lagging during the last few days. As the Knox strength has sub-

Senator Heads Committee to Get Inside Facts.

believed that Senator Penrose was more interested in procuring control of the Pennsylvania situation in his suggestion of the name of Senator Knox than he Special to THE BUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, May 21 .- An investigation of the preconvention campaign was in advancing the Senator's candifunds, their origin and the mode of their Accy.

It is not assumed that Senator Penrose is insincere in backing Senator
Knox, but that his suggestion of Senator Knox's name was a trial balloon,
which had the double advantage of suggesting a new diversion of political
thought and of holding the Pennsylvania
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committee to do the work.

wituation in line. It is not yet known just what the Pennsylvania Republicans will do, the final decision being postponed until the Pennsylvania delegates carcus either on June 2 or 3.

A the same time there will be a corate. The names were announced follows: A. the same time there will be a Pennsy, ania Republican State Committee meeting for the purpose of naming a National Committeeman and at the same time the chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation to Chicago will be elected. Senator Penrose is expected to be elected to both positions. ocrats. The names were announced folwhich adopted a resolution authorizing the sub-committee to make the inquiry. Orders were issued to have the managers of all Presidential booms appear before the sub-committee Monday next prepared to answer questions about their finances.

Later the sub-committee will go to Chicago and then to San Francisco during the sittings of the National Conventions to learn the inwardness of the Cago next month in the interests of the Cago next month in the interest Boston, May 21 .- Gov. Coolidge today lasued a proclamation in which, after stating that food reserves are dangerously low, he called upon the peoting of the State to raise what food is possible by gardens and otherwise.

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part of the investigation, inasmuch as i: will involve the whole question of the Bouthern delegates and their relations to the political managements of the dif-ferent candidates.

Members of the sub-committee made it very plain to-day that this investigation is not to be regarded as in the interest of any particular candidate or as an attack on any candidate. Neither is it to be construed as having special reference to the campaign methods and finances of any particular party. It is going to be inclusive, unpartisan and impartial.

#### REPUBLICANS INVITE GIBBONS. Cardinal Asked to Open One Ses-

sion of Convention. CHICAGO, May 21.—Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore has been invited by the Republican National Convention com-

mittee to open one session of the convention with prayer. The Cardinal is coming to Chicago June 8, the day the convention opens. attend the celebration of the seventyfifth anniversary of the Chicago diocase and the silver jubilee of Archbishop

Hoover Paper for Convention. CHICAGO, May 21 .- The Hoover Her-

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Thirty-fifth Street

An Extraordinary Silk Sale

for to-day (Saturday) will offer

Over 20,000 Yards of

Choice Dress Silks

(arranged in Dress, Blouse, Skirt and other lengths)

at prices representing phenomenal values

This unusual offering will comprise Black Silks, White Silks, Foulards, Crepe de Chines, Crepe Meteors, Tricolettes, Fancy Georgettes, Plain-colored Silks and Novelty Silks.

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## Three Hundred Women's Plaited Silk Dress Skirts

(of crepe meteor and crepe de Chine)

will be placed on sale to-day at the very special price of

\$12.85

(Women's Separate Skirts, Third Floor)

## Large Price Reductions

have been made in the remaining Spring assortments of

Women's Higher-cost Coats, Capes, Wraps & Sport Coats

which are now marked at

\$190.00 118.00 to \$85.00.

These garments are for the most part exclusive models, and in some instances there is but one of a style.

The remainder of the Spring importations of Paris Coats, Wraps and Capes (of which but a few are left) have also been re-priced to figures, that are far below the cost to import.

(Women's Outergarments, Third Floor)

Broadway at Ninth, New York

## Significant News of the Day

Wool prices drop 10 to 20 per cent. \* \* \* Wholesalers predict steady fall in prices \* \* \* Manufacturers offer cooperation "with all sensible efforts to reduce prices of commodities" \* \* \* London newspapers print long cablegrams.

From the N. Y. TIMES

#### The Significant Action of the has passed **National Association** of Manufacturers

at its annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, representing 5,400 manufacturers, employing 6,000,000 people, stating

'That we are in hearty accord with all sensible efforts to reduce prices of commodities, and to that end we urge our members to cooperate in all reasonable efforts to bring about that result"

is one of the outstanding developments in the nation-wide movement to lower the cost of living and put the country on a peace-time footing.

Each day sheds new light and brings new encouragement to go forward.

It is our belief that there are many thousands of storekeepers who will stand together firmly against any further encroachments upon the purses of their patrons by the raising of

We must reach the apex and we cannot even stand upon it.

We must find our way out through a downward door.

Labor must find the way to put through a larger production of articles of every kind or we must put an embargo on American manufactures leaving the country in order to stop the cry of scarcity.

We can bring on good times speedily if we work together for it. [Signed]

#### Prices of Wool drop in Boston Auction Sales; buyers agree peak of high prices

Boston, May 20-The price of wool slumped today, a break from 10 to 20 per cent, occurring at the auction sales conducted here under the auspices of the British Government. Only seven mills took part in the bidding and but 30 per cent. of the wool offered for sale was disposed of. Buyers are agreed that the peak of high prices for wools has passed.

From the NEW YORK SUN AND HERALD

#### The mid-monthly business review of the Irving National Bank of New York reported as follows:

"Not a few capable observers believe we are about to experience a decline in prices. Events in the stock market, which may easily be misleading, lend some support to this view. While Bradstreet's index number of May I was one-tenth of 1 per cent, higher than on April 1, this could be attributed to the railroad strike. Such congestion was bound to put up prices. Brad-street's index number stood February 1, at 820.8699, the highest yet; March 1 at \$20.7959, April 1 at \$20.7124, but rose again May I to 820.7341 at a season when it was reasonable to expect a further decline. As the price situation in all countries is similar, it is noting that the index number of the London Economist showed for April a fall of prices in

"Bankers, business men, economists and others have been dinning it into the public ears that thrift, as well as greater production, s necessary to economic rehabiliation

"The policy of one of the most successful and best known American merchants, owner of stores in New York and Philadelphia, in inaugurating a widely advertised sale of all goods at reductions of 20 per cent. from original markings, has attracted general attention and greatly stimulated buying. All these things have created at least a psychological foundation for lower levels." From the N. Y. EVENING SUN

#### Wholesalers now see lower prices coming

Chicago-Big wholesale houses here to-day began preparing for a general drop in the cost of living and the restriction of credits by banks, by restricting credit to their own customers.

Marshall Field & Co., reputed the biggest wholesalers of dry goods in the country, have urged retailers to cut their stocks to the bone, and have begun calling in the "slow boys," customers who are back on their bills.

Butler Bros., one of the largest general jobbing houses in the West, predicted today, through their city credit department, a steady fall in prices for the next two years.

"By that time prices will be back at their pre-war levels," said an, official of the credit department.

Wholesale buyers said that fur and silk prices already are well on the down grade.

"Cotton and wool will be the next to go, and that will be shortly. When that comes there will be a general fall in prices," one buyer for a large wholesale house said.

New York: The wholesalers are the latest to join the crusade against the high cost of living. Cancellation of orders by retailers has forced a reduction by wholesalers, and this is expected to have an immediate reaction on the manufacturers.

From the N. Y. TRIBUNE

#### Price slash here alarms Britain -fear of slump in imports and relief to Europe is expressed

London, May 20-It is believed here that a great deal of the goods now being thrown on the American market at low prices were destined for this side of the Atlantic. This gives rise to fears here of an increasing shortage in importations of the necessities of life.

There also is fear that the changing economic situation in America will make that nation more than ever disinclined to assist in European relief. Several of this morning's newspapers print long cablegrams concerning the wave of price cutting in the United States.

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### Examples of the News of the Day

## The White Sale

Everything Twenty per cent. off,

MUSLIN LINGERIE-300 envelope chemises, petticoats and drawers; fine quality batiste and nainsook in flesh or white, trimmed with lace or embroidery; \$1.95 each-less 20 per cent.

PETTICOATS - 200 cotton and heatherbloom in all the street shades, \$2.45-less 20 per cent. COTTON CREPE KIMONOS - a new shipment of 500; variety of colors,

trimmed with crests and floral designs; \$3.75 each—less 20 per cent. HOUSE FROCKS — lawn dresses with dainty organdic collars and cuffs, and voile dresses in darker shades.

\$5.50 and \$9.75—less 20 per cent. BRASSIERES and BANDEAUX-800 in a wonderful assortment at \$1 -less 20 per cent.

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### 83,000 pairs of Women's Shoes

At twenty per cent. off Walking shoes, pumps and oxfords, evening shoes and slippers, house slippers, and high and low shoes for sports

Price range, \$2.25 pair for tennis sneakers to \$35 pair for riding boots -all 20 per cent. off.

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## 10,000 yards of Silk Remnants

Were \$4.50 to \$8.50 yard. To go today at the rate of \$3,25

Twenty per cent. off this makes \$2.60 yard.

Hundreds of weaves and styles. Plain and fancy colors, and black. Main floor, Old Building.

## Women's Wraps

of highest quality

Reduced one-fourth to one-half And from these low prices you will deduct 20 per cent. at time of purchase

There are eighty wraps. The lowest-priced is 865. It was 885. With the 20 per cent. off the cost to the purchaser comes The highest-priced is \$495. It was \$595. With the 20 per cent. off the cost to the purchaser comes down to \$596.

Women's Coat Salons, Second floor, Old Building.

#### For Miss 14 to 20 Reductions

75 skirts of sports silks, crepe de chine and Georgette crepe; were \$25 to \$45, at \$19.75 to \$35-less 20 per cent. 25 beautiful evening and afternoon dresses; were \$72.50 to \$215; at \$49.50

#### to \$145-less 20 per cent. Special purchases

Foulard frocks, special at \$39.75less 20 per cent.

Frocks of printed chiffon combined with taffetas, special at \$52.50-less 20 per cent.

Also-

Another shipment of our much praised wool jersey suits at \$29.50 and \$39.50-less 20 per cent.

New gingham frocks at \$10.75 to \$59.50-less 20 per cent. Dotted swiss frocks-very charming -at \$29.75 and \$49.75-less 20 per

Second floor, Old Building (Tenth street).

### Children's Annual **Dance Carnival**

In the Auditorium today at 2:30 Under the direction of Mrs. Grace Johnson Ewart First Gallery, New Building.



## Close-ups

2,000 Suits, \$50 to \$100. 600 Topcoats, \$45 to \$115. 6,000 pairs Shoes, \$7 to \$18. 25,000 Shirts, \$1.95 to \$18. 10,000 Neckties, 65c to \$5. 5,000 Straw Hats, \$2.50 to \$5. Suits made to measure. Shirts made to measure. Flannel Trousers, \$20.

All Less 20 Per Cent. Burlington Arcade floor, New Building.

## 900 Boys' Suits

At Twenty per cent. off Regular prices are \$16.75 to \$12.75. With the 20 off they will be \$13.4) to \$34.20.

And marked price-reductions, too

In addition, we have taken a number of boys' suits that were \$40 and \$42.75 in our stocks and reduced them to \$34.75-from which, of course, you will deduct 20 per cent., making the cost to you \$27.80 each.

Sizes 7 to 18 years in both groups. Third floor, Old Building.

## Rules of the Sale

Nothing sold to dealers. Nothing on approval. Nothing sold C. O. D. Nothing returnable.